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In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 to read:

--1. (Amended) A user interactive display computer system, provided by a seller of computer components to purchasers of computer systems, for configuring computer systems including said computer components comprising:

means for prompting each of a plurality of said system purchasers to make a sequence of interactive data entries, each of said entries relative to the data processing needs of the purchaser of one of said computer systems;

means for applying a set of purchaser business rules to the data entries of each of said purchasers to produce a system needs solution for each of said purchasers;

means for allocating said computer components to the computer system of each purchaser based upon said system needs solution for the purchaser;

means for tracking the quantities of each of said computer components thereby allocated to computer systems sold by said seller to all of said purchasers;

means for applying a set of seller business rules to the tracked quantities of each of said computer components to produce a set of optimized quantities for each of said computer components based on the seller's business needs; and

means for offering to selected ones of said purchasers modifications in the quantities of selected ones of said allocated components to thereby reconcile said purchasers' system needs or system solutions with said optimized quantities of said components based upon the seller's business needs.--

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Please amend claim 7 to read:

~~--7.6~~ (Amended) In a user interactive display computer process, provided by a seller of computer components to purchasers of computer systems, for configuring computer systems including said computer components, steps comprising:

prompting each of a plurality of said system purchasers to make a sequence of interactive data entries, each of said entries relative to the data processing needs of the purchaser of one of said computer systems;

applying a set of purchaser business rules to the data entries of each of said purchasers to produce a system needs solution for each of said purchasers;

allocating said computer components to the computer system of each purchaser based upon said system needs solution for the purchaser;

tracking the quantities of each of said computer components thereby allocated to computer systems sold by said seller to all of said purchasers;

applying a set of seller business rules to the tracked quantities of each of said computer components to produce a set of optimized quantities for each of said computer components based on the seller's business needs; and

~~Offering to selected ones of said purchasers modifications in the quantities of selected ones of said allocated components to thereby reconcile said purchasers' system needs or system solutions with said optimized quantities of said components based upon the seller's business needs.--~~

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Please amend claim 13 to read:

~~--15/~~ (Amended) A computer program included on a computer readable medium operable in a user interactive display computer system provided by a seller of computer components to purchasers of computer systems, for configuring computer systems including said computer components comprising:

means for prompting each of a plurality of said system purchasers to make a sequence of interactive data entries, each of said entries relative to the data processing needs of the purchaser of one of said computer systems;

means for applying a set of purchaser business rules to the data entries of each of said purchasers to produce a system needs solution for each of said purchasers;

means for allocating said computer components to the computer system of each purchaser based upon said system needs solution for the purchaser;

means for tracking the quantities of each of said computer components thereby allocated to computer systems sold by said seller to all of said purchasers;

means for applying a set of seller business rules to the tracked quantities of each of said computer components to produce a set of optimized quantities for each of said computer components based on the seller's business needs; and

~~16/~~ means for offering to selected ones of said purchasers modifications in the quantities of selected ones of said allocated components to thereby reconcile said purchasers' system needs or system solutions with said optimized quantities of said components based upon the seller's business needs.